

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Image 1

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1300568.000

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

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| Classification: | Objectionable. |
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 10 September 2013

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 10 September 2013

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable.

The image file is a sexually explicit manga drawing. It depicts several male figures engaging in sexual conduct with a worried-looking naked girl who is a child or young teenager. The image is intended to arouse people with a sexual interest in children and young persons. It validates that interest by representing a young girl as sexually desirable and sexually available to adults.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s 3(2)(a) are deemed to be objectionable. This is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.